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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Maj. Pratt	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Mr. Strickland	Air Force
25X1A9a [REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)

2. The Navy member submitted a list of NIS elements on the JCS high priority areas for which the Navy has production responsibility, which would not be produced in the NIS Program. Reports from the other agencies had been received previously.

3. The State member submitted a considerable number of comments respecting the revised list of NIS Areas. Since some of these involved proposals for realignment of NIS Areas, the Chairman suggested that they be analyzed by D/B, CIA, and presented to the Committee at the next meeting together with the comments from the Armed Forces Agencies which are to be sent to D/B this week. The Committee agreed to this suggestion and further agreed that any changes in NIS Areas at this late date should be done only where the need was urgent.

4. The Army member withdrew his proposal for a new Section 26 (Airborne Landing Sites) referred to in the proceedings of NIS Committee Meeting No. 94, 6 February 1951, Paragraph 3. He stated that it would be most difficult to produce at this time and that the important aspects of airborne landing sites might well be included in the regular sections of Chapter II. The Army member will make further proposals in this latter direction at the next meeting.

5. The Chairman reported that the SIC had accepted the NIS Committee suggestions respecting the allocation of production responsibilities for Sections 71 through 75. The original proposal of the SIC was contained in memorandum from Chairman, SIC, to Chairman, NIS Committee, dated 5 January 1951. The NIS Committee suggested revision was contained in memorandum from Chairman, NIS Committee, to Chairman, SIC, dated 24 January 1951. The SIC proposed allocation of production responsibilities was approved for Sections 70 and 76 by the NIS Committee on 23 January 1951. The approved allocation for Sections 71-75 reads as follows:

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Section 71

CIA to coordinate through the JEIC the final draft based upon contributions from all intelligence agencies.

Section 72

CIA to coordinate, through SIC working committees where practicable, the final draft with contributions on:

Guided missiles and aircraft from the Air Force;

Ground weapons from the Army;

Naval weapons from the Navy.

Section 73

CIA to coordinate through the JAEIC the final draft with contributions from other intelligence agencies.

Sections 74 & 75

CIA to coordinate through JBWIC and JCWIC, respectively, the final drafts based upon contributions from Army and from other intelligence agencies.

6. Copies of the consolidated Tentative Production Plan for FY 1952 were distributed to all members. The Chairman indicated that this tentative plan would serve as a working basis for developing the FY 1952 Production Schedule. However, no further work can be done until the revised JCS Priority List and IAC policy decision on augmentation of NIS production are determined.

7. The Chairman raised the question of reducing the JANIS reserve stock to a maximum of 200 copies of any element. At present this reserve is being held by the Armed Forces Agencies and the CIA. The critical storage situation makes it desirable to reduce the JANIS reserve stock to a minimum. However, since most of the JANIS are concerned with high priority areas in the Far East on which NIS will not be available for some time, it is necessary to hold a larger JANIS reserve than would otherwise be required. The Committee felt that the Geographic and Transportation Chapters, in particular, should be retained in fairly large quantities because they are still reasonably up to date and would be of great value in the event of major operations in these areas. The Chairman undertook to examine this matter and will report his findings to the Committee at the next meeting.

8. The Army member expressed concern about possible reduction in the collection of information on foreign transportation by the Department of Commerce.

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This information is disseminated through State and is of great value to the Army Transportation Corps in the NIS Program. The State member suggested that Army indicate this situation in a memorandum to IAD, State, and also send information copies to Commerce and CIA. The Army member agreed to do this.

9. The Army member stated that a geographic study on Japan prepared under the Hall Plan was ready for publication. The Far Eastern Command had proposed to G-2 that 1,000 copies of this study, each comprising 62 volumes, be published in Japan and be used as an NIS on Japan. The Army member stated that the extensive detailed treatment was not in keeping with NIS requirements and, in consequence, a condensation of material would have to be made before it could satisfy NIS requirements for Chapters II, III and possibly IX. It is possible that these NIS Chapters can be prepared and published in Japan with considerable savings in time and money. No action was taken by the Committee on this matter pending the receipt of further details which the Army member said will be available to him in the near future.

10. The Chairman said that recurrent delays in the processing of NIS material in D/B were due to the failure of certain contributors to observe the procedures set forth in NIS MEMOS No. 2 and No. 3. NIS MEMO No. 2 requires contributors to submit supplementary name lists for check by BGN and NIS MEMO No. 3 requires the submission of color proofs of multi-color maps instead of black and white proofs. A list of contributors who have not been observing these procedures was read to the Committee. The Chairman requested that this matter be given immediate attention by the members concerned.

11. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 20 February 1951.

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